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SUBJECT: UNESCO REPORT ON DESECRATION OF GREEK CHURCHES
IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

1. ARTICLE IN MAY 13 EDITION WASHINGTON POST BY JOHN
FIELDING OF MANCHESTER GUARDIAN ASSERTS THAT A 100-PAGE
UNESCO REPORT BY JACQUES DALIBARD ON THE LOOTING AND
VANDALISM OF GREEK CHURCHES IN TURKISH AREA OF CYPRUS HAS
BEEN SUPPRESSED. ACCORDING TO FIELDING, A SUBSEQUENT
ABRIDGED REPORT OF FIVE PAGES HAS SIMILARLY BEEN SHELVED
BY UNESCO.

2. BULK OF ARTICLE IS DEVOTED TO DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE
DONE AT NUMEROUS GREEK RELIGIOUS SITES IN THE NORTH WITH
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CONCLUSION THAT IT IS SO WIDESPREAD AND METHODICAL THAT

IT AMOUNTS TO "INSTITUTIONALIZED OBLITERATION."

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND EMBASSY CAN
PROVIDE ON DALIBARD AND HIS REPORT OR OTHER INFORMATION
THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES, INCLUDING
TREATMENT OF MOSQUES AND MOSLEM CEMETERIES IN THE GREEK
ZONE.

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